

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 11th August Austar Rugby Park 1

6.00 **U10** v Dragons
6.50 **U12** v University
7.40 **U14** v University
8.40 **U16** v University

Austar Rugby Park 2

6.00 **U6**
6.00 **U8** v Dragons

SATURDAY 12th August Austar Rugby Park 1

1.30 **B** v Souths
3.00 **A** v Souths

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Dragons	15	11	0	4	10	54	
University	14	9	1	4	6	44	
Palmerston	14	8	0	6	10	42	
Souths	14	6	0	8	5	29	
Casuarina	15	1	1	13	2	8	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Palmerston	18	17	0	1	0	9	77
Jabiru	17	9	0	8	0	10	49
University	18	10	0	8	1	9	45
Dragons	18	10	0	8	1	8	44
Casuarina	18	7	0	11	0	10	38
Souths	17	0	0	17	2	1	-4

Coming Events

Ladies Day

Saturday 19th August will be **Ladies Day**. We have the 3.10pm A Grade game against Dragons.

More details later.

NTJRU Fundraising Dinner

Saturday 19th August at the University Clubhouse from 7.00pm.

Patrons are welcome to arrive early and watch the Bledisloe Cup game from 5.00pm.

Tickets are \$45 per adult and \$25 per child U16 which includes a three course dinner.

Injured Wallaby lock Al Kanaar is the Guest Speaker.

PRUC Presentation Night

Date claimer
Saturday 16th September.

Last Week's Games

A v University

Oops!! A **20 -23 loss** to University wasn't what the script said. University came out much more fired up and focused than during their loss last week to the Dragons while we still seemed to be on holidays for at least the first half of the 1st half.

Tries were scored by **Todd Harrison (2), Adrian Graham and Nick Barlow**. Although Nick missed all 4 conversion attempts; none were far away with the first one bouncing out off the upright.

The **Coaches Award** this week went to **Nick Barlow** while the **Player's Player** was **Jono Schwalger**.

B v University

Coach Blyton handed the reins to **Assistant Coach Bree** this week and departed into the wilds of the Territory. **A/Coach Bree's** thoughts on the experience.

*"I certainly felt the pressure on Saturday. Super coach, **Ben Blyton** handed over the reins to me for the game and with a 16 from 17 winning record I knew it wouldn't be pretty if we lost.*

*With 30 minutes before kick off, University were dressed and well into their warm up. We had a forward pack ready to go and **Kev Jones** was our back line. A few more forwards rolled in and by 2:25pm we had the makings of a team.*

*At kick off we were discussing where people would be in the lineout and who would go where. Tom moved from 2nd row to centre. **Thanks Tom**.*

University employed a kicking game (must have had a premonition about the South Africa v Wallabies game) and they chased well with a wind behind them. In no time we were down two tries but by then everyone had met each other and we were ready to play.

It is great to see how well we can stick to a game plan and our patience paid off as we kept good possession and our support play allowed us to move into good attacking positions.

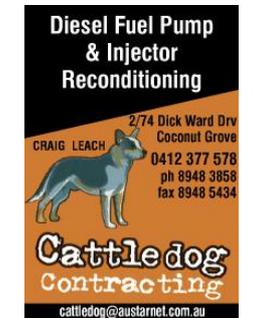
Michael Killiner** scored the first try and when he got up to return to half way he found that everyone had already gone so he figured that he must be the kicker. **He converted and therefore became the appointed



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kicker for the day.

We went into the break just ahead but soon after the restart University scored another two quick tries then later got another. Time to switch on again.

We left our final try until the last minute and **only headed University for 30 seconds** but fortunately it was the **last 30 seconds** so we won **26 - 25**. Thanks **Michael** for the three conversions. University were a very well drilled side that deserves some attention.

Our team that played on Saturday was terrific once wound up. **Yowie's** run returns from full back were fast and incisive, **Damian Collie** really got the backs going and had forwards running off him, **the forwards dominated rucks and mauls** though University were quick to arrive and claim any loose ball. Our loose three of **Fang, Leigh Stait** and **Michael Killiner** really travelled well and of course our **front row know how to stick to a game plan** and contest all ball. The back line will be unbeatable should we keep it together for a few games. **Hunter McGee** and **Kev** in the centres are dynamic. The last comment goes to **Sean Gill at half back**. He had everything but the dive pass and though it isn't traditional for the half back to get that involved in the pick and drive he was able to give great service to the backs when needed.

With **two games to go** before finals I can see that there will be some tears as

players realise it may be difficult to get into the squad. Ensure your spot by getting to training, especially Thursday evening and being at the game well before start time."

Our tries were scored by **Michael Killiner (2), Kev Jones** and **Jed Coppins**. **Michael Killiner** kicked 3 conversions.

Unsurprisingly, **Michael Killiner** was this week's Player's Player.

U16 v Dragons

Co-Coach Robbie tells me that our boys had a very satisfying **17 - 10** win over the Dragons last Friday night.

He says "It was a very hard fought game, and the Dragons had us on the back foot right from the kick off. The boys were switched on and managed to hold their own. **It was one of our more satisfying wins so far this season**. It also put us in good stead to take out the minor premiership in the U16's competition.

Each week the other U16 squads are improving, but our boys are managing to stay just that one step ahead and know how to play smart rugby.

The whole team put in an awesome effort but the standouts were **Jason Muir, Steve Rawson, Tom**

Happy Birthday!!

Perey Pœl 58 on 10th

Narada Kerr-Barlow 16 on 15th

Pavone, Ben Smith, Fred Norris, Kurt Collie-Whakave and Jai Wyles-Kelly. The **Player's Player** award went to **Jai Wyles-Kelly** with his magnificent performance leading from the front.

This week the U16's take on the 2nd placed University in the **top of the table clash**. The **winner** of this game will no doubt end up with the **minor premiership**.

I can't stress how great it would be to have some of the **senior members** of the club down **at the game to support the boys**. Some of these guys will be playing senior rugby with you next season."

Our tries were scored by **Fred Norris, Jesse Villiers** and **Steven Carter**. **Rob Cotter** kicked a conversion.

Connop's Corner

Coach Connop congratulates all players on last Saturday's effort even though we lost by a narrow margin. We need to look for the lessons to be learned from this loss. We need to be very disciplined and we need to stick to the game plan as we lead into the finals. There were **over 30 penalties** in last week-ends game and the **majority were against us**. We cannot afford to keep doing this leading into and during the finals.

Congratulations to **Nick Barlow** on the **Coach's Award**. **Adrian Graham** was a bit unlucky not to get it due to injury in the 2nd half.



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This week-end at the Top End Hotel

- Friday Lunches @ Honey Pot Club - 12 - 4pm (\$60) 3 course meal plus show
- Chase the Ace @ Lizards Bar this Friday 5-8pm - Over \$1,000 up for grabs + Music playing from 8pm
- **Goose Club Raffle @ Lizards Bar - Fridays 6-9pm for Palmerston Rugby Union Club**
- Darwin Cricket club Raffles - Saturday night from 6pm + Live music from 8pm on Saturday
- The Sunday Sesh is back - Music from 4pm.



Captain Harrison again played very well (with the flu) including scoring 2 tries. Many others also played well.

We now have 2 games before the finals. Let's get onto all of the guys who didn't show up last week at training or on Saturday and let's get **everyone to do some serious training between now and Grand Final day in both grades.**

Thanks to the guys who sat on the bench, it is much appreciated.

Finally, well done to the **B Grade on their nail biting win.**

Coaches Tips: If things get a bit heated with the referee, withdraw and let your captain do the talking.

If your mate gets upset, talk to him and take him away

from the referee.

Be positive and take the negative out legally in the next tackle.

Do not get frustrated, focus on your game.

"Communication" is the essential ingredient in finals football success.

Help Wanted

Our U10 coach, **Jamie Akers**, has had a schedule change with his university lectures and now can't make Thursday afternoon's training session.

He has found a worthy replacement in **Mel**. He tells me she is more than competent, in fact, the U10s win over Swampdogs was after a **"Mel" training session** and with her running on with the boys. But he would like to ask any parents or senior players who are

available to come down and give her a hand or a little support.

If you have any questions or can help then please call **Jamie on 0408 089 927.**

Club Subs

Senior playing subs are well **overdue**. They are **\$180** including your shorts, sock and club polo shirt.

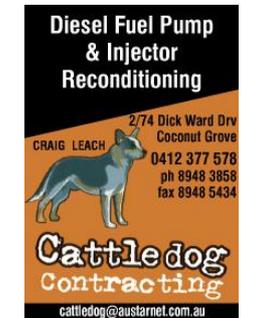
See Tom Hurse or Percy Peel at training or the game and get yourself financial.

Eftpos facilities are available.

Goose Club Roster

This Friday night it is the **Committee, Supporters etc** turn. Next Friday it will be back to the start of the roster with the **A Grade forwards.**

See you there by 6.00pm in your club shirt.



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Chip off the old Croc

By GREG DAWKINS

THE apple does not fall far from the tree in the case of Palmerston Crocs rugby union rising star Padraig Killen.

Killen, 17, made his A-Grade debut for the Crocs in May – 30 years on from when his father John ran on as a centre in the inaugural year for the club.

The rookie winger crossed for a try in his first A-grade game against the Casuarina Cougars in Round 7 of the Tooheys New Cup at the Crocs homeground Moulden Oval.

"It was really great," Killen said about his try. "It was a lot better than scoring in B-Grade."

Since that match – Palmerston's first win of the season – the Crocs are strong premiership contenders in both grades and the Darwin High School Year 12 student has played a role in both campaigns.

The NTIS athlete, who played

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Padraig Killen

inside centre for the NT Schoolboys last month, believes the Crocs can go all the way.

The NTRU/Northern Territory News rising star nominee is not fussed which grade he is selected in for next month's finals series.

Either way he has enjoyed his first year in the top grade and could be playing for a

premiership. The only problem is that he wants the No. 9 or 10 jersey and is determined to work hard to get it.

"It has not been too bad," Killen said about stepping up to A-Grade. "I am not playing the position I would like to be playing but it has been good to be in the A-Grade XV."

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